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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) (Case No. 06-073)

In re Application of:	)	
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Nienhuis et al.	)	
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned	)	
Int'l Appln. No.: PCT/NL2004/000541	)	
	)	Art Unit:
Int'l. Filing Date: 28 July 2004	)	
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For: Covering Made of Form-Retaining Parts,	)	
in Particular for a Floor, Covering Parts	)	
for Use Therein and Method for	)	
<b>Connecting the Covering Parts</b>	)	

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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## Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.